



## **Amble Town Council - Monthly Roundup - February 2025**

### **Councillor Vacancies**

We are pleased to welcome a new Councillor. Arthur Hume will represent West Ward and is a very much welcome addition to the team.

### **Precept Request From NCC,**

We have submitted our precept request to NCC. The Town Council is mindful of the impact that rising costs have on residents and continues to try to minimise increases wherever possible. For the financial year 2025-2026 Council have agreed a 0% increase. This has been possible due to the additional number of occupied properties this year.

### **Dog Fouling**

We understand it is not everyone but ALL dog owners are asked to make sure they pick up their dogs waste. Numerous complaints have been received regarding the amount of dog waste throughout the town. We all need to take a pride in our town and make it a pleasant place to stroll in. Enforcement officers have been informed and offenders will be prosecuted.

### **2025-2026 Cemetery Fees**

The 2025-2026 cemetery fees have been agreed at Full Council. Whilst these may seem quite high, fees for Amble West Cemetery remain considerably lower than neighbouring cemeteries. Interment fees charged cover the contractor's fee plus an administration charge whilst Rights fees go towards the continued upkeep of the cemeteries.

### **Parking Restrictions**

#### **Albert Street**

The parking restrictions at Albert Street have been deregulated and this area can now be used for parking if necessary. In order for parking restrictions to be enforceable there has to be both the road markings and a yellow 'no stopping' sign otherwise they are not enforceable.

### **VE Day Fund**

2025 will mark the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. This will be commemorated nationally on Victory in Europe Day, 8 May 2025.

To help communities celebrate the occasion, Northumberland County Council had

allocated £10,000 to create a VE 80 Community Fund. The purpose of this special fund was to enable non-profit making community and voluntary groups, schools, local charities, parish and town councils, and churches within Northumberland to apply for grant funding to help them to take part in celebratory events to mark the anniversary. Grants of up to £250 were available and successful offer letters will be sent out requesting bank details by 11 April. We would love to hear of any event planned for Amble which we could publicise on our community hub webpage at [www.amblecommunityhub.co.uk](http://www.amblecommunityhub.co.uk).

### **Toilet Refurbishment Programme**

Councillors have met with officers of the County Council to discuss the provision for both sets of toilets in Amble. Council felt more was required and held an onsite meeting. We await new specifications and figures but are expecting to be asked to contribute some money towards the final costs. It is hoped that with this design and provision that the toilets will be more suited to the ever growing needs of a busy tourist destination. An approach suggesting changing rooms for cold water swimmers was too late for this programme but may be considered in the future.

### **Bus Shelters**

We hope to hear soon if our application for remedial work to some of our older shelters has been successful. We plan to renew the roof at Church Street, repaint some walls, redo the floor and perhaps change the seating. The small shelter on Acklington Road will have the frontage extended for better access. Council has also agreed to install seating bars within the shelters that can accommodate them; unfortunately the area on High Street and the north side of Church Street is too narrow as it would impede disability access and some baby carriages.

### **Philip Drive Resurfacing**

Philip Drive is due to be resurfaced from 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 and it is expected the road closure will last up to 9 days.

### **It's Your Town - feedback and suggestions.**

We welcome feedback and suggestions from all members of our community. If you would like to know more about what we are doing for the town or would like to know how you can get involved in our work please contact us on 01665 714695 or [ask@amble.gov.uk](mailto:ask@amble.gov.uk) or call into the office.